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## Congressional debates planned for UNO

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Final plans are in the works for a debate between the two Second District Congressional hopefuls plus debates on local races at UNO this fall.

Richard Fellman and Hal Daub are scheduled to meet head-on during the first week of October at either the Student Center Ballroom or the Performing Arts Auditorium.

UNO television station KYNE is planning live coverage of the one-hour debate.

The forum of the debate will be similar to the Nixon/Kennedy debate of the 1960 presidential campaign. A panel composed of prominent local politicians will direct questions to the candidates and an allotted time will be allowed for answers.

### Members

Members of the panel include Robert Schropp, Douglas County GOP Chairman; Dave Heineman, Executive Director of the State Republican Party; Ruth Jackson, Vice-Chairperson of the Douglas County Democratic Committee and Director of the Human Relations Department; and last year's Douglas County Democratic Chairman Jim McGee.

Representative John Cavanaugh and previous



Fellman

Representative John Y. McCollister will be using their expertise to help the panel devise questions concerning national and international affairs.

UNO Political Science professor James Johnson will also be on the panel as a neutral but active participant.

The UNO Gateway is sponsor-



Daub

ing the debate to spur interest in the campaign for students as well as voters in general.

Gateway Advertising Manager Paul McCormick, coordinator of

the affair, said the Daub/Fellman debate is being set up by the Gateway "but the panel will have direct control over what questions will be asked."

The panel will also determine what other debates will be covered in the weeks following the congressional debate.

### Series

Tentative plans include a series of six 30-minute debates between contestants of local races.

KYNE General Manager Donald W. Peterson is currently scheduling the congressional debate to be aired live on Channel 26; but said the NETV Network will not pick up the coverage since there is not so much interest outstate.

Fellman, 44, is currently serving on the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. He graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Law in 1959 and was appointed to the Nebraska Unicameral in 1972 by Governor J. J. Exon. He is married with four children.

Daub, 39, graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Law and also attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He is currently vice-president and general counsel for Standard Chemical Manufacturing Company. Daub is married with three children.

## Engebretson to leave UNO after 10 years of service

Rex Engebretson, 42, assistant vice chancellor for plant management, will leave UNO Monday for a job at InterNorth.

Engebretson, who has been with UNO since July 1970, said he will be property manager at InterNorth, the company previously known as Northern Natural Gas, and that he will have "essentially the same duties" that he has had at UNO.

His duties included designing and planning campus projects and acquisition of property. In his 10 years at UNO, Engebretson has been involved in such projects as the building of Kayser Hall, the Performing Arts Center, the College of Business Administration Building, the Student Center addition, the new Library, the Health, Physical Education and Recreation facilities, improvements to the stadium, and the Peter Kiewit Conference Center/State Office Building.

Engebretson, who graduated from Doane College in Crete, Neb. in 1960, said he is leaving because of "better opportunity in terms of a growing company" and for a "professional challenge."

He said he is "kind of sad" about leaving UNO. "Ten years is a long time...a person commits a lot of time to one place."

He said UNO "is a fine institution academically and as a place to work."

Engebretson said he foresees a "great

future for UNO," and that despite UNO's failure in recent years to obtain funds from the University budget for land acquisition, predicts UNO will continue to expand and grow.

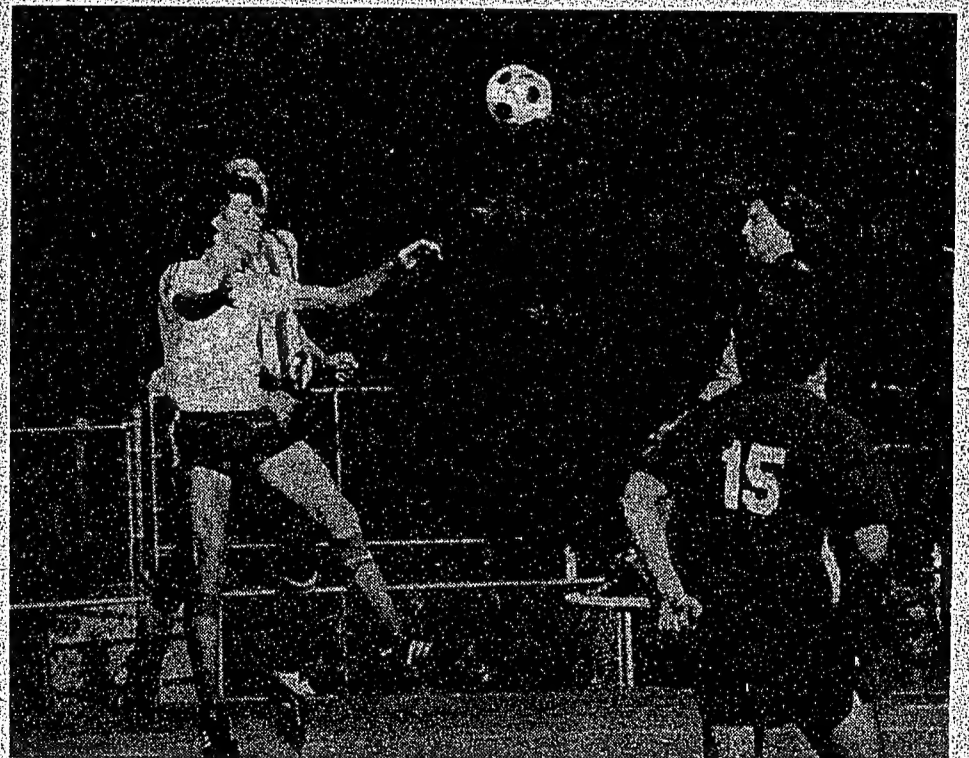
"Given the integral part the University plays in Omaha, the University can't help but maintain a vital and important role," he said. However, future expansion will be "a more steady growth," he added.

When Engebretson came to UNO in 1970, he had the title of director of campus planning and space utilization. He later was named assistant to the chancellor for planning and was named assistant vice chancellor this April.

In his role as the primary campus planner, he served as liaison between the University Committee on Planning and Chancellor Del Weber. He also served a term in the Faculty Senate and has been a member of several search committees and other committees.

Engebretson received his M.A. in education administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1964 and his Ph.D. from UNL in 1966.

He said UNO will advertise nationally for a replacement for him and that a search committee will operate out of the office of Gary Carrico, vice chancellor for business and finance.



## Using the old noggin

A lot of heads-up action took place at UNO last weekend, as shown in the picture above. Caniglia Field was the site of the McGuire Cup youth soccer championships. John Shannon (white shirt) of the American Minutemen (Hicksville, N.Y.) sends a forehead pass to a teammate while Florissant (St. Louis, Mo.) foe Guiseppe Palomi (15) moves in. Hicksville won this semi-final match 3-2 but lost the title to the Fremont (Calif.) Celtics on Sunday night.

Photo by Paul McCormick

## INSIDE GUIDE:

It's bad enough to be a slob. But to jump out and admit it — in print yet — is just about the most disgusting thing imaginable. For a most distasteful and heartwarming work, turn to editor Kevin Quinn's sickening admission on page 4.

We got ol' Lenora out of bed just long enough to put her teeth in and answer the five letters that poured in seeking advice. You guessed it: the first 'Dear Lenora' column in Gateway history is in today. See page 6.

Jumpin' Joe Noonan, former UNO grid standout, will be seeing a lot of familiar faces this fall when he shuffles off to Buffalo. There he'll join ex-teammates Rod Kush and Danny Fulton. All three are trying to make the Buffalo Bills' NFL squad. See page 15.



# Retrenchment complicates UNO's affirmative action goals

In the near future it will be more difficult to meet university affirmative-action hiring goals, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Elaine Hess said Monday.

Hess said a general decrease in university hiring, particularly among the faculty, was the main cause.

"The trend for the next few years seems to be retrenchment rather than expansion," she said, adding that faculty hiring at UNO was "very low" at this time.

Of particular concern, the vice chancellor said, was what would happen if the university was forced to let faculty members go.

She said she was concerned that since affirmative action was a "relatively recent phenomena," minority members and women would be released first.

## Holiday calendar

The UNO holiday closing calendar for the 1980 semester interim has been announced.

Unlike last year's calendar, the University will remain open the Monday and Tuesday following the fall semester's final week. The University will be closed Dec. 24, 1980 through Jan. 2, 1981.

The closing schedule will not affect students, only employees, according to Rod Oberly, Director of Personnel. The closing calendar is like a "fringe benefit" for University employees and the vast majority favor the schedule, he said.

The closing schedule is designed to help conserve energy by allowing University buildings to close and maintain lower temperatures.

"Energy costs soared and the

budget was not able to absorb the increased costs, so the closing schedule will help take up the slack by saving heating costs," Oberly said.

## Storm damage

"Very fortunate" is how university officials described the UNO campus after the severe storms two weeks ago.

According to Neil Morganson of plant operations, several large trees were lost and minor roof damage was sustained all over campus.

Morganson said most of the debris has been hauled away, except for the large trees which will require the aid of a tree service to dispose of the debris.

He said roof damage to both the Fieldhouse and Performing Arts Building is now being repaired.

Morganson estimated cost of getting the trees back into condi-

tion and the debris hauled away at \$3,000 and estimated property damage at under \$1,000.

The storms, which hit late Thursday afternoon (June 12) and Saturday night (June 14), snapped down power lines on campus causing blackouts. Power was out from Thursday afternoon to 8:30 Friday morning and from Saturday night to 6:30 Sunday evening, according to Morganson.

## Alums elected

The Board of Directors of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Alumni Association has elected new officers for the 1980-81 fiscal year. The officers assumed their duties effective June 17th at the Association's Annual Meeting in its new Alumni House.

Elected were Ted L. Ridgway, president; Alfred G. Thomsen, president elect; Don Iburg, vice president; Chris Kara, secretary and Harvey Hayes, treasurer.

Ridgway is the director of accounting for Northern Natural Gas Co. He received an MBA

from UNO in 1971 and is serving his second three-year term on the Alumni Board.

Ridgway has led five consecutive Telefund campaigns for the Association.

Thomsen is president of Alfred G. Thomsen Co., an Omaha real estate firm.

Iburg received his MBA from UNO in 1970. He is vice-president for Northern Natural Gas Co.

Kara is second vice president for Mutual of Omaha. He is a 1947 UNO graduate.

Hayes is the president of Omaha Printing Company. He received his degree from UNO in 1948.

## No books today

The Bookstore will be closed June 24 through June 30 for annual inventory. Please call extension 2336 and we will accommodate an emergency situation.

## File for degrees

July 7, 1980 is the last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred August 16, 1980.

Students can file at the Registrar's Office.

## UNO's Michael Tibbs to be 'realistic' in post

A University of Nebraska at Omaha industrial engineering major has been appointed Assistant Administrative Coordinator of Minority Engineering Programs at the University of Nebraska.

Michael Tibbs will be responsible for conducting minority engineering programs and recruiting minority students for the University of Nebraska College of Engineering and Technology in his new position.

Tibbs said he plans to show high-school and college students a "realistic picture" of engineering and the preparation necessary to succeed in the field.

At the pre-college level, Tibbs said he hopes to gain support from the Omaha Public Schools in establishing programs for high school students interested in engineering and technology careers. He plans to incorporate preparatory mathematics and science course outlines, organize an in-school minority engineering club and design summer workshops for removal of math and science deficiencies. Tibbs said after initial programs are established with OPS, he will expand his pre-college efforts to include other school districts.

For students already enrolled in the College of Engineering and Technology, he plans to establish a minority engineering club, a program featuring speeches by practicing engineers who are part of a minority group and organize tours to local engineering and technology plants. Tibbs said he also plans to institute a freshman scholarship fund and begin a summer employment program so students may obtain on-the-job training.

Tibbs, who offices at the UNO campus, said there is "definitely no shortage" of jobs in the field, and that the average engineering graduate receives a starting salary of \$20,000 per year. However, he said, less than 3 percent of the engineers in the United States are members of a minority group.

During the 1979-80 academic year, 50 minority students of a total 1,135 students were enrolled in the Engineering and Technology program at UNO, and 27 of 2,074 students were enrolled in the Engineering and Technology program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (The College of Engineering and Technology is headquartered at UNL.)

Tibbs will work in his post full-time during the summer and part-time during the fall semester. Following his December graduation, he will continue with the program on a full-time basis, teach an engineering class on the UNO campus and pursue his master's degree at UNL.

## Correction

The June 20 issue of the Gateway incorrectly listed the names and offices of two recent appointees.

Krissa Gardner was appointed director of the Women's Resource Center — not director of the College of Public Affairs and Community Services as first reported.

Additionally, the new director of International Student Services is Shekar Padath — not Sheker Pedagh as originally printed.

The new officers were appointed to their posts by CAO Mark Magliery.

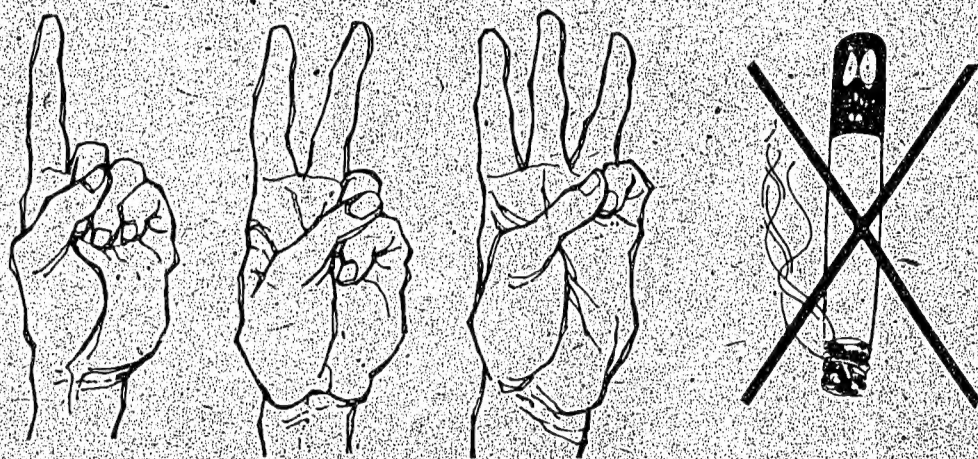
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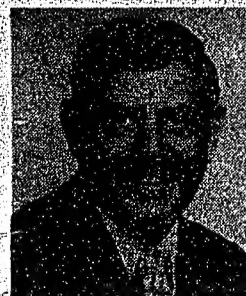
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But remember customers — pictures do not lie

# Video dating service makes pass at Omaha

By PAUL McCORMICK  
Gateway Contributor

So, your love life hasn't been anything to write home about lately? Rodney Right, powder blue Porsche, attorney-at-law hasn't nabbed you and made you his Rhonda Right?

What are your options for finding true romance, carnal romance or — what the hell, any kind of romance this summer?

Gin joints? Half-plastered bozo's, pawing you, smelling of warm beer, stale cigarettes and bean burritos with hot sauce?

And it certainly works both ways — chicks in the same condition are no better — perhaps even more repulsive.

What are other alternatives? Have mom fix you up with one of her friends' sons or daughters? When's the last time you can remember one of those numbers working out?

If you're reading this paper, you probably go to school. Why

means of the new video tape cameras and VTR systems, a short movie can actually be recorded.

A 10-minute tape of each member is made as they answer questions about themselves. These tapes are kept on file and are available for viewing by any other member of the opposite sex.

"The Los Angeles Times" recently reported "Boy meets boy on San Francisco's answer to a popular TV show as 'The Gay Dating Game' made its debut." Well this is Omaha, not San Francisco, and this service is "Straights Only."

But simply joining the service and finding a member of the opposite sex that staggers your imagination via their video performance doesn't buy you the price of a date.

Once a person has been selected, a post card is sent to them. They are instructed to stop

member. After selecting which age group is appropriate, a member flips through that book, making a list of the member or members they want to see on the video tape.

Nelson points out that over 50 percent of the members have college degrees or more in the way of education. But, she says her members come from all walks of life.

"I've been divorced for seven years and have worked with a minister in developing a way for anyone of single status to meet the right kind of people without going to bars. And now, through New Beginnings, we do have a respectable way."

One of Nelson's goals will be to keep the male-female ratio in the different age groups at an equal

balance. If the ratio becomes significantly distorted, a waiting list will be formed until the ratio in that group is more balanced.

Another problem that could develop, but that Nelson is aware of, is married people infiltrating the ranks. She said constant vigilance is maintained against such eventualities. She has devised various methods of filtering the offenders out.

Everyone must sign a contract which states exactly what services are to be provided by New Beginnings and payment in full for the year is made up front. One of the stipulations in the contract is that you are not married. If it turns out you are and you're caught, you immediately are expelled and out all your money.

Nelson also points out that she

feels it necessary to maintain high standards in the new members that are admitted. She said she rejected three people last week and that applicants are rejected for things like attitude problems and poor appearance.

In terms of age minimums, 19 is the usual low end, but Nelson said that with parental consent on the membership contracts, younger ages are considered.

Possibly the best thing about the service is that technically people are going out on a blind date the first time they actually meet another member.

But, as Nelson says, they feel as if they already know that person and it's like starting off on their third date — even though it's actually a new beginning.



On their way?

not walk up to that girl in class you've had your eye on and tell her you've got a couple of tickets to the Beach Boys and would she like to go with you?

Or you're a coed and you just don't have the nerve to start a conversation with that cute guy with the great legs who always wears gym shorts to class.

One solution developed during our technological infatuation with computers was known as "computer dating." It never really did have a prayer of working because everybody lied like crazy on the questionnaire. All it ever provided were names and phone numbers of people who wanted or needed such methods of procuring dates.

Enter Charlene Nelson, an attractive Iowa native who has started a single's introduction service that just may revolutionize the age-old game of matchmaking.

Of course, in today's liberated, independent, no-commitment generation, the term "matchmaking" is probably verboten. The ad in the Gateway bills it as a "unique introduction system" and is quick to point out it is "not an escort service."

"Video" beneath the company's name of "New Beginnings" provides the tip-off as to what the clever gimmick is. By

by the office and check out the tape of the person who has selected them.

If the attraction is mutual, names and telephone numbers are exchanged. Up to that point, however, all proceedings have been conducted on a first-name basis.

Nelson was employed by a local introduction service for six months prior to founding New Beginnings. She also has spent five years working with single's groups in Iowa.

Although the idea is novel to the Omaha area, video tape dating services have sprung up on the West Coast, Denver, and Texas. Nelson examined operations in Denver and the West Coast to formulate what she felt was a hybrid of the best those firms had to offer.

In three weeks she had signed up over 70 members at a membership fee of less than \$5 per week for a one year contract.

Members have the right to select as often or as many members of the opposite sex or to be selected as often as they wish," said Nelson referring to what the membership buys.

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# Stelly has no sympathy for Project Empathy

BY MATTHEW C. STELLY

Gateway Columnist

In a recent World Herald article (6/22/80) written by Dick Ulmer, contentions were made concerning a test known as Project EMPATHY — Emphasizing More Personalized Attitudes Toward Helping Youth — and its implementation in the Omaha Public School System.

The article stated that this test is given to teachers and has been highly effective "in picking instructors who turn out to be well-liked by their students." Vickie Thayer, the project director, said the school district has done no studies, but she cited other evidence, including a book, "Kids Don't Learn From Teachers They Don't Like."

Further, project EMPATHY has the support of most Omaha teachers. Ulmer cites Omaha Education Association official Pat Shafer, who said, "Basically we have felt pretty positive about the way it has been used."

## Deceive

OPS continues to find ways to deceive and dupe its way into getting federal dollars. In my opinion, project EMPATHY should be titled Project SYMPATHY — Suburban Yokels' Making Piecemeal Attempts To Hinder Youth. I say this for the following reasons.

First of all, it is easy to show empathy towards someone who has the same views and values as you do. Since OPS is 75 percent white, it doesn't take a "profound stretch of morality" to become interested in the majority population. But what about the black student?

Does this project EMPATHY de-racize the incoming instructor? Does it culturally "sensitize" the instructor to the unique needs of the so-called "disadvantaged" student? Surely, if this project could do all of these things, OPS would not still be having the same racial conflicts today as it did during the late sixties.

Second, how can Project EMPATHY work in a segregated and overtly racist context? No project, program or prospective paradigm is any more than the context to which it owes its existence.

Therefore, it is virtually impossible to have a project designed to test one's concern when the social reality epitomizes the total lack of positive concern for racial minorities.

## Neglect

In other words, neglecting students of color has been a part of the OPS program for many years now. Why should this system abandon what it has evidently found economically and socially beneficial (in that an uneducated community is one that has no potential for economic security)?

Third, "a teaching applicant who scores poorly on the EMPATHY test isn't automatically rejected, but it could tip the balance," according to Miss Thayer. Bullshit! An instructor who has the ability to relate to the disadvantaged is placed into that context — as a counselor or teacher of what they call the "educably mentally retarded."

Why? If OPS did not do that, they would have relevant and progressive-minded teachers who would seek to ameliorate the hellish conditions that minorities in OPS face on a day-to-day basis — and this they would never do.

What they do instead, is solicit federal dollars to come up with a program that gives the APPEARANCE of benevolence, care and concern — and, as usual, the money is handed out and received by white people.

What the US Government needs to do is take all of this money designed to make white people empathetic and begin putting it where it could do some REAL good — in the defense and development of what they call "Title I schools," those schools located in low-income communities.

Project EMPATHY is just another program designed to channel federal dollars into a school system whose very existence is based on fostering segregation. How can you be empathetic to my needs and concerns when you head west after school and I head back to the ghetto?

In order for this test to really be successful, the applicants must first be trained by Third World people. Whites have historically been able to feign benevolence, smile, pass tests and talk about what they plan to do "for the minorities." Further, their tests

are geared more toward the technical and formal aspects of education rather than the areas that are most important — cultural enrichment.

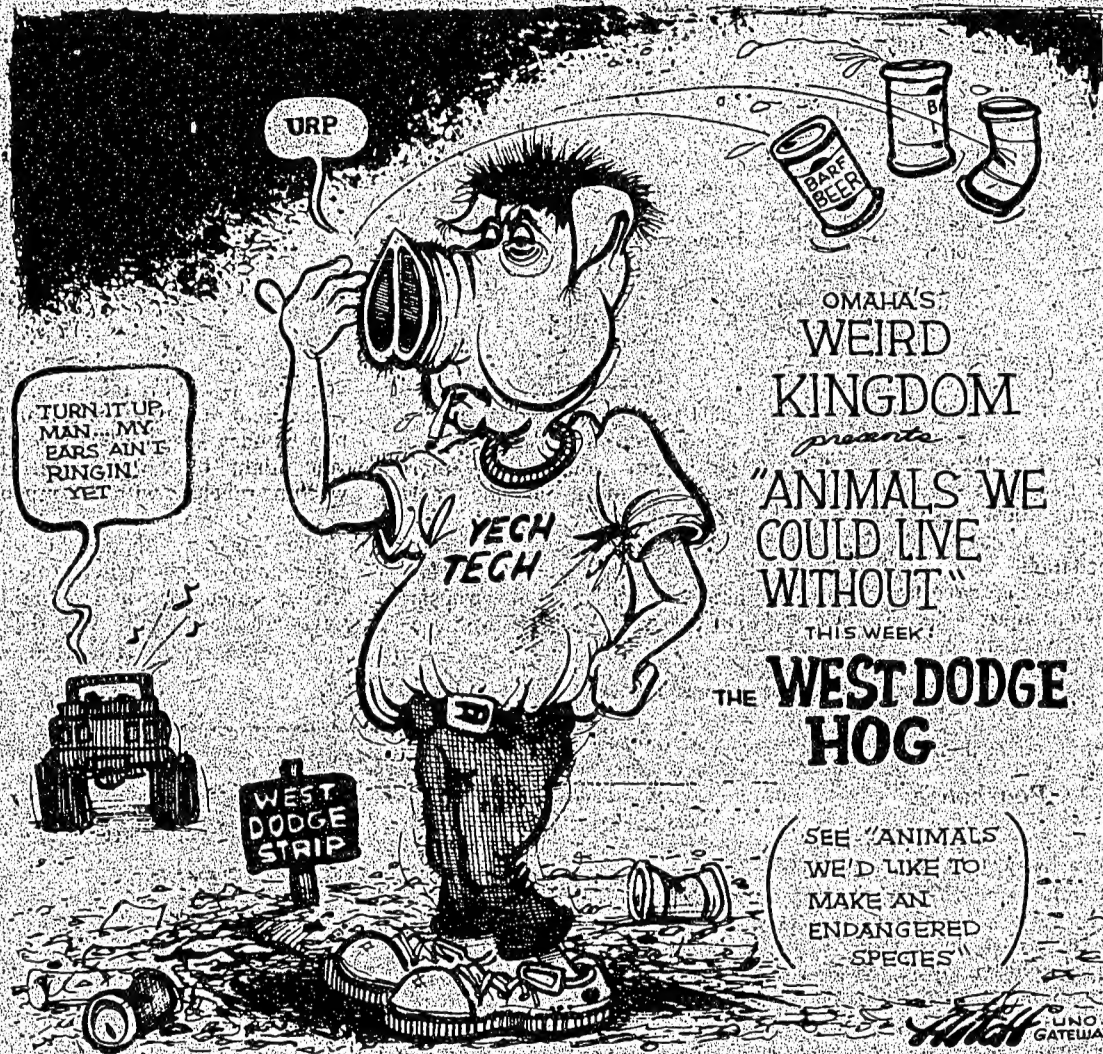
I have met many teachers from OPS, most of whom are full of kind words and ideas. However, I am concerned with ACTIONS, and if there were so many good white teachers out there, black children wouldn't be catching the hell they are presently catching in OPS.

## Policies

As people of color, we can only judge white instructors and counselors based on the policies and

procedures that we come into contact with.

Project EMPATHY is a sham, just like the government that spawned it and the deceitful school system that implements it. Some may argue that "it's better than nothing," and comparatively speaking, they are right. But blacks and other racial minorities have always had this much choice between that which is detrimental or piecemeal — and NOTHING. If we are going to survive the eighties, we had better come up with something developmental — and time is of the essence.



have you ever

# Shameless Salvation Army junkie admits, pops from closet

By KEVIN QUINN

Gateway Editor

HAVE YOU EVER grown agitated by the endless series of kicks laid on your backside by the boot of inflation?

This pain in the posterior isn't like most aches in that time probably won't heal it. So what can a person do?

The average red-blooded American knows what to do. But the average red-blooded American doesn't want to do it. It's more than a wee conflict.

Cutting the fat out of one's life isn't easy. You can cut down on food bills by checking the ads every week. Very commendable. Of course the average red-blooded American (Let's call him Arba) isn't very disciplined.

Nothing personal to all you Arba's out there. I know that dropping the ax on personal funds earmarked for beer, cigarettes, candy, ice cream, Oui magazine and other basic necessities isn't easy.

So let's forget food. Buy whatever you want. You can be a sloppy shopper and poor consumer in the super markets and still cut overall expenditures.

By consuming less gas? Well, yeah, that'll help some too. A few words about the gas situation are probably in order.

It stinks

## Cruising

If you're still into cruising the strip in your souped up GTO with the chrome headers, mags and triple deuce carb, well, you're probably a fool.

But even you can cut down your spending of the near-worthless greenbacks, if you really want to.

Of course there are a few small sacrifices to be made, but we'll get to those later. So you're all saying "Come on, what's the secret to cutting down on spending without ruining an already frugal lifestyle?"

Shop the Salvation Army. Good Will. Hattie's Junque Shoppe. And all the other second-hand places in town.

I know what you're thinking and I am none of those things you're calling me. I am merely an Arba with an economical mind. Yes, my wife and mother call me cheap. My sisters don't call me anything. (They won't speak to me since their friends spotted me hauling out some new-looking old sportcoats from a thrift shop in Benson.)

And then there's Dad. He never sent me money for college or anything until he got reports of my shopping escapades in these

fine little shopping centers

## Ashamed

They are all pretty much ashamed to have me in the family. And they normally decline any gifts I might give them at Christmas time.

But aside from those small sacrifices, hitting the thrift markets can be a rejuvenating experience.

I can go to the Westroads and buy some nice clothes — pants \$25 and up, a shirt \$20, sport coat \$89 on sale — or I can bide my time until an upper-class big man passes away.

That's when bereaved widows begin wholesale cleaning operations in the deceased man's closet.

And that's when I hone in for the kill (no pun intended).

I admit with more than just a touch of pride that I am a Good Will junkie. And I love it.

I have Jerry Leonard V-line sport coats, a wide variety of designer neck ties (with signatures, even) and some name brand suits that nearly always draw a stare

## Cheap antiques

And that's not all. These places sell antiques dirt cheap (well,

most of them anyway) and books by the thousand. Over the years I have acquired enough books to fill up an entire 12x12 bedroom. I bought so many books at such low rates (25¢ hardback, 15¢ paperback) that the antique dresser I picked up for \$35 had to be moved to another room, even. Imagine that, if you will.

Now some folks might be ashamed to go pick up a nice, twice-worn suit coat for \$4, but not me. I've done it 16 times with no intention of cutting down

I admit I never really bought a dress shirt or pants at a thrift shop with serious thoughts of wearing them a lot. (You never know what kind of problems the former owner may have had, or what he died from, for that matter.)

But I've gotten surprising wear from some of these items, and often all that's necessary is a trip to the cleaners, which, by the way, is usually more expensive

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than a trip to the thrift shops. Sometimes you have to ask your mom or someone to sew up a bullet hole or something, but thread's damn cheap and she enjoys your visits, so there are many fringe benefits to shopping these places.

Now as you might have figured by now, I don't read Vogue magazine. You might see me walking the streets someday in a well-coordinated outfit from the Salvation Army and say "Geez, what's he wearing a wide tie for?"

The answer, of course, is simple.

## Not 'in'

They aren't "in." Thus thrift stores are stocked full of castoff ties from the young exec set. And besides, I like wide ties.

I can see no end to this narrative and the space is beginning to run out so I'll be brief the rest of the way. In short, here are some more advantages to shopping the Salvation Army way:

— You meet all kinds of people and see how they respond to public embarrassment. Like last week on lunch hour an exec type I work with was just about ready to grab a tie I'd been eyeing for a week or so. Just as he was about to pull it off the rack he spotted me, mumbled something about needing "dust rags for the wife," and slinked out the door in a red-faced funk.

— You can save up to 93 percent on winter coats. In fact, in one inexpensive spree (\$19.86), I picked up a London Fog raincoat, a beautiful gray tweed overcoat (without a flaw) and a very versatile windbreaker.

## Poorhouse

In other words, year-round protection against the weather. A tie rack, seven ties and two pipe racks later, the final count reached \$19.86. Had these items been purchased at retail prices in a regular shop, my wife would

have been in the poorhouse. I figured I saved more than \$150 that day. (Since then the fever has never subsided.)

— If you're not 100 percent pleased with your selections you can turn around and donate the item(s) back (preferably to a different thrift shop than the one you bought it from) and voila, instant tax deduction. Beat that at McGees.

— For those of you with kids, there are millions of fun games — Monopoly, Twister, Clue etc. — available on the shelves for a quarter or so. Some of them even have all the pieces in the box, but if they don't you can always supplement them with the ones that didn't get lost from the same game you bought your kid for Christmas.

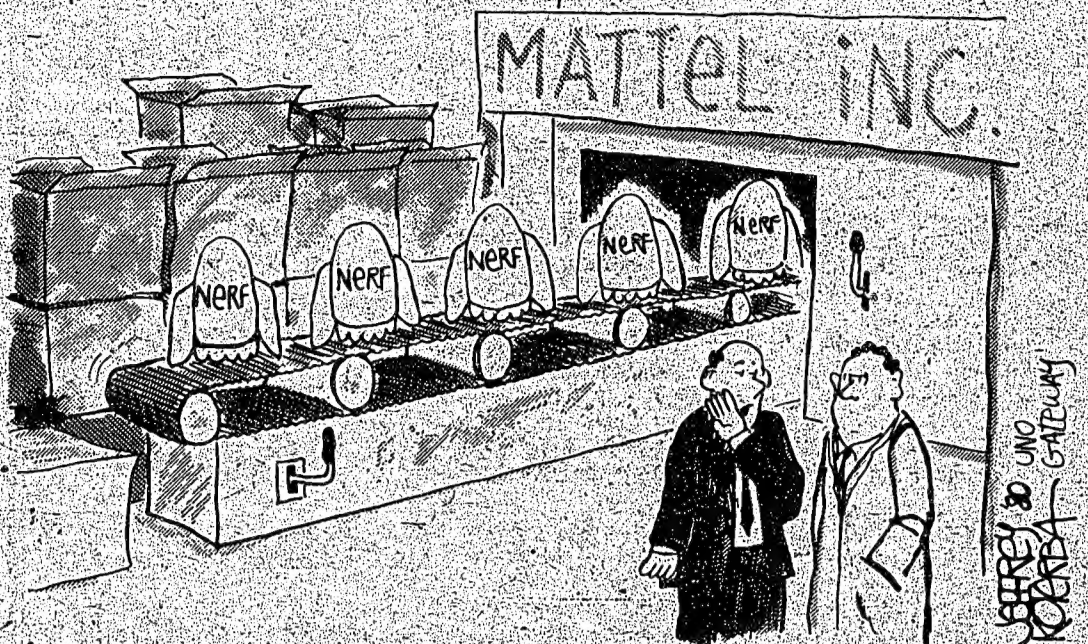
— The workers are never pushy and usually very understanding. They can't be bid down on price, usually, but only a few gitty individuals have the gall to argue price in these places, anyway. One curt but courteous counter lady merely told a noisy customer to go find an ad on comparable items and she'd guarantee beating that price by \$2.50. Pretty clever.

## Bottom line

The bottom line, then, is this: with all the money you save at these shops you can buy more groceries, more gasoline, more rounds at the bar, etc.

And if you apply just 10 percent of those savings into retained earnings and use it for upkeep of said cheap items, it will be an invest-

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ment well worth the time and minimum risk involved.

An example: Figure how much you save on one of these thrifty ventures. OK. Now take 10 percent of that money you saved and buy laundry soap with it. (Hell, you might be able to get a washing machine with that much at one of these places.)

Then wash the clothing, figure the cleaning cost per item (electricity, water, etc.) and you still have a good deal. And dry-

cleaning rates are good if you find coupons.

Well I am finally out of the closet on the matter. I never really did hide the fact that I frequented these places, but this is my first public admission.

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*dear lenora*

## Student 'can't let go' of professor she loves

Dear Lenora:

I am a senior English major and I have a terrible problem. My first semester at UNO I was strongly attracted to one of my professors. For the past three years, I have done everything in my power to get him. I have taken several classes from the guy, and I can't think of anything else but him.

I am even considering going on to graduate school because I can't stand the thought of not being near him. Still, he is not picking up on my subtle overtures. What can I do to get him to take me seriously as a lover?

Only a Year to Live

Dear Only:

First, let me assure you that fantasies are perfectly healthy and a lot of fun, too. And what could be more exciting than sleeping with your professor? But get a grip on yourself, and listen to what Dr. Ben Newdirk, expert in student/teacher relationships has to say. "Wow! That chick really has a problem. Tell her to talk to the prof and be honest with him. No matter what his response is, she will be able to go on with her life."

Besides, who wants a master's degree in English anyway?

Dear Lenora:

My boyfriend says that all of these letters are made up by the Gateway loons and that you don't exist. He dared me to write this letter, and I dare you to print it.

Doubting Thomasena

Dear D.T.:

You tell that no-good boyfriend of yours that I am a real person and that I dare him to write to me. Lenora Hieronymoos answers all letters right here in the Gateway, so keep them coming.

Dear Lenora:

I have been dating this girl (I'll call her Eunice) for a little more than a year. The other day she told me that she is pregnant. We are planning to get married, but not for a few years until we both graduate. She wants to have an abortion, but I want to have her keep the baby. What would you do?

Father of the Year

Dear Dad:

I would probably be heading for the Mormon Bridge in cement overshoes, but I am not involved, luckily. The important thing to remember is that you are not

alone. Countless young men and women face this dilemma every year, despite the growing availability of varied birth control methods. First look at all the options. Unfortunately, none of them are particularly easy. Abortion is not the option that you would choose, and Eunice needs to be aware of the physical and emotional ramifications of this action if she goes with it. I suggest that she talk to a few people who have had abortions and then decide. Adoption is also an option, but a difficult decision that may haunt you both forever. In a totally altruistic sense, this may be best for the child. Eunice could have the baby and take care of it at home until you get married. But what happens next year when you realize that you might not be together if Eunice Jr. had not come along? The final option is to get married now and probably stretch out college for the next 6 or 7 years. Please listen to Lenora Hieronymoos: Beware of marriage and pregnancy within the same year. Both are special and need your total energies. To make a long story short, Dad, I don't know what the best answer is for you.

I do know that it is something that you have to work out together, and it has to be a decision that you both can live with. Who knows? If you handle this first crisis successfully, it could be the foundation for a very excellent relationship.

Dear Lenora:

One of my teachers really screwed me over last semester. I had an 89 percent average on my tests and a 'B' on my paper and the jerk gave me a C. What can I do?

Really P.O.'d

Dear P.O.'d:

Yep, sounds like you're getting jerked around pretty bad. My first suggestion is to make an appointment with the teacher and ask him to justify the grade (in a nice, non-threatening way, of course). If you are still not satisfied, talk to the Ombudsman (554-2267) and he may be able to help you get the grade you deserve.

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# Change urged for care of mentally ill

By NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN

Ordinarily the powers that be resist anything that comes to them under the label of reform. Sometimes a deaf ear is given to mugwumpish proposals out of vested selfishness, sometimes out of a cantankerous aversion to novelty, but one idea which swelled up out of the 60s has caught on among the mossbacks who make the decisions around here. It is deinstitutionalization.

Hospitals, orphanages, insane asylums, old folks homes, have been evacuated. The rationale for deinstitutionalization, half therapeutic, half civil libertarian, is that institutions are cruel, depersonalizing

warehouses in which distressed humanity is stored, not cured or helped. Social critics long ago recognized the line between incarceration and help may be obliterated in an orphanage, especially if it is run by civil servants.

The solution, it was argued, would be to place people in "the community." The word is in quotes because there is no location in the language used with more frequency and less precision unless it might be the word leadership. Community, once an expression evocative of either high social ideals or a discernable and permanent set of relationships, is now a mere collec-

tive. We speak of the business community, the intelligence community, the handicapped community in much the same way we talk of a pride of lions, a mob of businessmen, a group of spies, or a tangle of congressmen.

Community means nothing more than a buncha... a buncha folks who don't know each other, who may not even know of each other's existence. There's no there there, so that when we talk of deinstitutionalization, taking clients or patients or wards, or however the inmates are to be denominated, and turning them back into people by returning them to the community, more often than not we're playing croquet with Alice and the White Rabbit.

Nevertheless, deinstitutionalization, an idea first propounded by the left, has been popularized by the propaganda machinery of the right. It takes no detective work to discover the reason. Closing the institutions and putting people in the community is cheaper. It saves money and it works rather well if you flick your eyeballs away from the bag ladies, those deinstitutionalized souls with four slightly torn shopping bags and three overcoats who can be seen with increasing frequency plunked down over sidewalk

gratings to capture warmth on cold winter nights.

The first wave of deinstitutionalization came with the realization that mental patients, permanently dosed with tranquilizers, don't have to be kept on a funny farm. They're harmless, save perhaps to themselves, and can exist in rented slum rooms. Ideally, of course, they were supposed to be placed in half way houses or given some other form of supervisory care, but there have been enough horror stories about what actually happens to the wretches to make it clear that for many, deinstitutionalization isn't a therapeutic measure but a cost cutting one.

The same may turn out to be the case with patients being pushed out of hospitals and nursing homes. It costs government about \$400 a month to place a long term, semi-invalid in a foster home as compared to \$900 for a nursing home. Needless to say, letting them stay in hospitals is far far more expensive. Medical World News reports that "backlog" patients, that is patients who are stuck in hospitals but don't need to be there, ran up an unnecessary \$35 million annual bill in just one five-county area of New Jersey. Multiply that across the land and you can see that the cost cutters have some

very large points on their side.

So we've reached an impasse. Institutionalization has failed for the most part. Our hospitals which are horrendously expensive operations are successful enough when it comes to high tech procedures, but are notorious in their insensitivity to their patients' dignity. As for TLC, forget it.

Employees in other caring institutions are demoralized as they walk in the door. When was the last time you saw a TV program glamorizing or heroizing the people who work in nursing homes? The work of caring, the most difficult, the most spiritually consuming, the never-ending work of succor, gets no status.

Nor as a whole have we shown ourselves a people with a gift for making a community. Many of the places we live in look like communities because we spend so much time on our lawns. If we devoted as much time to cultivating the network of stable, mutually supportive relations which defines community as we do cultivating the putting greens in front of our homes, there might be a community to sustain the least among us in their lameness, affliction and despair.

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## UNO student accepted for Harvard education

Until last April, Gerald "Butch" Springer planned to attend UNO graduate school. He even joined the Army reserves to help pay the costs.

So when the letter from Harvard arrived on April 1, he thought it was an April Fool's joke.

"I didn't expect to get accepted. It's just one of those things you don't expect," said Springer, who had also applied to the famous eastern school for graduate work.

Springer will soon receive a master's degree in general education from the College of Continuing Studies. He already holds a bachelor of general studies and a bachelor of social welfare degree and has been a UNO student off and on since 1972.

He chose a master's in general education because he could study a more diversified field of education and "touch all bases."

### Important

Springer felt this was important, partially because he had no formal education beyond eighth grade. However, he once took a 52-week drafting course, and completed it in 44 weeks, although he had been recommended for a small engine repair class instead.

"I wanted to try drafting. I had no background in it, but I had the desire to do it. Being a native American, people stereotype you."

His father, a full-blooded Omaha Indian, attended school only through fourth grade, and

his mother, a Santee-Sioux Indian, attended through the sixth grade. Springer is registered on the Omaha Indian Reservation.

Married for eight years, Springer and his wife are both full-time students at UNO. Mrs. Springer is a junior and plans to graduate next year.

Both are involved in the Goodrich program, which has helped them while they are full-time students. Two members of the program, Helen Hiatt and Gail Tremblay wrote letters of recommendation to Harvard for Springer.

### Active

Springer is active in many school committees, including the Student Leadership Committee, the Goodrich Search and the Goodrich Selection Committee, and the Financial Aid Committee.

During the past few years, Springer feels he has obtained "tons of experience" in jobs that have ranged from Western Electric and the Computer Science Corporation to work as an Indian employment counselor.

He worked in Los Angeles doing drafting, was a CETA project director, taught for two years, and worked for the city of Omaha. Now that he has the experience, he wants to complete the education to go with it.

"I've always done things a little backward," Springer explained. It will take him one to two years to complete his master's degree, working at his "own rate," with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

## Verne's Views

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this column is to provide members of the University community with information about parking permits, parking regulations, parking changes, and parking problems. Please take a few minutes each week and find out the latest in the "lots."

### MOTORCYCLE THEFTS

Occasionally someone will report their motorcycles stolen. Reports are taken, the surrounding area checked, and the wait begins for possible recovery at some later date. There are ways to protect yourself from going through this process.

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Economically, motorcycles are a good bet to reduce costs of transportation. A few minutes of your time will protect that investment.

Parking permits for the 1980-81 academic year have been ordered. New forms will be distributed to Faculty and Staff personnel as soon as we receive the new applications. You will not need your drivers license or vehicle registration to obtain a permit this coming year. Your University I.D. card or proof of registration will be the only item required.

Parking fines have been changed. More on this item next week.



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## Prescription drugs possibly fatal to unsuspecting senior citizens

By Gregory Bergman  
Pacific News Service

She seemed like perfect proof that modern medicine can work wonders: 73 years old, afflicted with high blood pressure and a heart condition, but kept clear-headed and functioning with the help of two miracle drugs prescribed by her doctors.

But when irregularity prompted the elderly woman to use a heavily advertised, over-the-counter laxative, the miracle almost killed her.

The laxative transformed the digitalis prescribed for her heart into a toxic substance, and increased the loss of potassium associated with the thiazide diuretic which controlled her blood pressure. The result was cardiac arrhythmia — an irregular heart beat. It put her into a hospital emergency room, close to death.

Her story is not unusual in the annals of medicine today. Many elderly people whose deaths are attributed to heart failure and old age may in fact be victims of prescription drugs that, combined with other drugs, foods or alcohol, make them sick, incapacitated or even kill them.

Because of inadequacies in U.S. medical practice, a quantum leap in pharmaceutical production, and public ignorance of its hazards, older Americans regularly consume too many medications in doses and combinations that are often deadly.

### Side-effect

Dr. Michael Reiter, a staff specialist in pharmacology for the elderly at the San Francisco Mental Health Department, said many of the drugs prescribed through Medicare can cause side-effects in the elderly, including hazy vision, loss of coordination, confusion or depression. "This creates a danger that adverse reactions could be wrongly diagnosed as senility or even mental illness," he warns.

A number of changes take place as the body ages, and they can make pharmaceuticals more dangerous, he says. "Organ systems function less efficiently, causing drugs to be absorbed, distributed, broken down and excreted at slower rates." A normal adult dose can be too high for an elderly person.

"The same dose you and I might take successfully could make an 80-year old quite agitated," according to Dr. Jack Segal, acting chief of medicine at Long Beach General Hospital, and co-author of a Southern California survey of nursing home patients. "The elderly brain is exquisitely sensitive to the toxic side effects of some of these drugs. You've got this entire population that responds to medication quite differently than you would expect from the standard textbook."

These risks are compounded when several drugs are used simultaneously, says Vera Labat, director of the Over Sixty Geriatric Clinic in Berkeley, California. A "Multiple medication is a big problem among older people. Often, medicines prescribed years earlier are still being used, people have changed towns, changed doctors, run short of money to buy new prescriptions and continue taking old ones, or are going to two or more physicians for different ailments."

### Enormous problem

Moreover, it's a problem of enormous proportions. Although they comprise only ten percent of the U.S. population, elderly citizens (over 65) consume 25 percent of all prescription drugs. A Michigan study found that one out of four senior citizens in its survey took four or more prescription drugs at once. Half reported using over-the-counter analgesics, laxatives or antacids which might interact toxically with prescribed drugs. Among the institutionalized, it was not uncommon for elderly patients to receive eight or ten different daily medications.

Little is being done at the moment. Few American medical schools have separate depart-

ments of gerontology, or offer adequate training in the treatment of the elderly. Medical textbooks seldom provide specific information on the drug tolerances of older patients. Furthermore, 80 percent of the drugs now used in treating the aged were not available to medical students graduated before 1956, so that a substantial number of doctors are unfamiliar with their side effects or possible toxic reactions with other substances. And most American doctors simply do not do a good enough job of informing their patients of risks associated with medication.

A 1976 study by the respected Cathedral Foundation of Jacksonville, Florida, revealed that the aged frequently neglect to discuss all of their prescriptions, or the use of over-the-counter products, alcohol, or diet foods with their physicians. They also save drugs, use them without advice, or share them with friends.

But doctors weren't asking their patients many questions about drug use either. The Michigan study found that 67 percent of its responding physicians did not believe senior citizens were more likely to have problems with drugs than other age groups. And 80 percent of allied health professionals — nurses, pharmacists and gerontology specialists — agreed that doctors failed to provide adequate information about medications. "The majority of physicians that treat the large number of geriatric patients are very often the least competent in the community," Long Beach Hospital's Segal charges.

### Physicians revered

"Physicians are so highly revered among the aged that they would not consider questioning the need for a specific medication, nor do they seem to be aware of possible side effects or contra-indicated contents that these might contain," adds the Cathedral Foundation's John Lefler.

What might be done? The Michigan study's authors have made 20 recommendations, including the distribution of more information to the public, special training programs in care for the elderly, legislation requiring geriatric dose guidelines, and more thorough monitoring and regulating of drug use. Segal's California study calls for changes in medical education and for peer review procedures to ensure that practitioners are competent.

The publication and distribution of information books on health for the elderly can be encouraged by medical care providers. Some elderly people, before turning to any prescription, consult handbooks including *The Doctors and Patients Handbook of Medicine and Drugs*, by Peter Parish, M.D. (Knopf); *The People's Pharmacy*, by Joe Graedon (Avon); and *The Truth About Senility — And How To Avoid It*, by Lawrence Galton (Crowell).

Pharmacists can also be helpful. The California State Board of Pharmacy considered a by-law requiring that customers be provided with verbal directions for each original prescription dispensed. But the proposal met with bitter opposition from corporate chain drugstores eager to keep contact with individual customers as brief as possible, from the California Medical Association and the California Hospital Association, and, surprisingly, from the American Association of Retired Persons, which feared that it would no longer be able to dispense drugs to its members by mail under the new by-law.

The Board eventually withdrew the proposal. The activist Gray Panthers organization, which helped establish Berkeley's innovative Over Sixty Clinic, advocates much more drastic changes. They support the creation of a national health service which will take medical care out of the hands of private, vested interests such as professional associations and pharmacy companies, and foster new approaches which might depend less on drug

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## Letters

### Gaines: We'll overcome

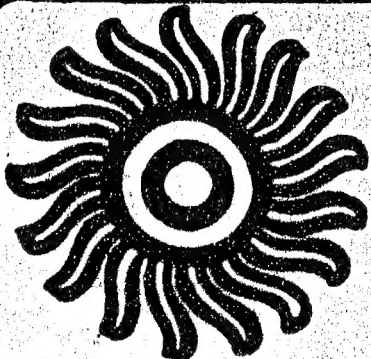
To The Editor:

Recent reports out of South Afrika tell of the rising revolt by Blacks and non-whites. The momentum which fuels this revolt comes in large part from the recent victory of Mugabe in Zimbabwe. Black people all over the world are keeping their ears tuned to the events unfolding in South Afrika, because they know that it is only a matter of time before the evil, greedy racists who are tyrannizing our Brothers and Sisters will fall. History has shown that those who seek

freedom sooner or later achieve that goal.

When South Afrika does finally fall, the economic impact will be like a tidal wave which will rush across the ocean and drown those in this country who are currently "banking on the racism in South Afrika." So, Brothers and Sisters, let's hold on to our cultural pride, because whoever turns the table around, whether it be us, our children, or our children's children, we will overcome. Power to the Struggle!

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# 'Musical pageantry' drum, bugle corps theme

"The elite drum and bugle corps masters," is how Governor Thone writes about them.

"A disciplined, precise audio/visual display of musical pageantry," is how the World-Herald describes them.

They are seven teams from Drum Corps International (DCI) who will be performing at UNO on Monday. "Drums Across the Midlands" begins at 7:30 p.m. at Caniglia Field.

Al Karle, acting director of the Student Center, heads the event with about 20 of his staff members donating their time.

## 3,500 people

Last year 3,500 people attended the competition. Seven drum corps participated, each group comprised of an average of 130 high-school-age youngsters.

A typical corps includes 60 buglers, 30 percussionists, eight rifle bearers, two commanding officers, and a drum major.

Teams included in this year's competition are the Crimson Cadets from Norfolk, Nebraska; the Guardsmen from Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates, Illinois; the Phantom Regiment from Rockford, Illinois; the Skyriders from Hutchinson, Kansas; the Defenders from Rockland, Massachusetts; the Rivermen from Stillwater, Minnesota; and the Vagabonds from Lyndora, Pa.

Ages range from 12 to 21, although the average age is 15½. And a team, such as the Guardsmen, includes members from 11 states plus 38 Illinois towns and cities. Historically, the Guardsmen began as an all-girl team in 1961, but later became the first coed team in Illinois.

## Televised

The goal of all these teams? The televised DCI competition at the end of the summer. Throughout the next couple of months, the corps enters regional competitions in the United States and Canada, hoping to become rated in the top 12. From June 20 to August 19, each will enter as many as 20 competitions and travel up to 6,500 miles.

Each corps has its own fleet of buses, including passenger buses, a field kitchen, and an

equipment truck. The youngsters are accompanied by a 15-member musical and marching instruction staff, drivers, relief drivers, cooks and seamstresses.

## Non-profit group

Original cost of a team is \$30,000, while travel costs and upkeep may run from \$30,000 to \$100,000 per year.

But DCI is a non-profit organization, and groups support themselves by fund-raising projects, paid performances, and prize money. They are also sponsored by local non-profit organizations.

Northwestern Bell, InterNorth, Sortino's, and Nogg Paper Company have pledged support to the June UNO competition, according to Karle. UNO will provide the competition site and a place to sleep (the field house), said Karle.

The 11 to 13 minute routines will be judged on uniformity of drumming, bugling, marching and maneuvering, general effort, and timing. The Crimson Cadets, the only Nebraska corps, are not ranked.

## Crimson Cadets, other bands set to perform at UNO

The Crimson Cadets of Norfolk, Neb., and six other drum and bugle corps will compete in the Drums Across the Midlands Monday, June 30.

The Norfolk corps will step off the 7:30 p.m. competition in the fourth annual contest sponsored by UNO and the Drum Corps International at the Al Caniglia field.

The Phantom Regiment of Rockford, Ill., the Guardsmen from Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates, Ill., the Sky Ryders from Hutchinson, Kan., the Defenders from Rockland, Mass., the Rivermen from Stillwater, Minn., and the Vagabonds from Lyndora, Pa., will also participate in the competition.

A drum and bugle corps is a marching band consisting of both bugle and drum players, a flag line and color guard.

The object of their performance is to display both military

precision and inventive entertainment, according to Terrie Juhl, a spokesman from the UNO administrative office.

Unlike most marching band contests, the groups start out with no points and are rated by the amount of excitement the audience displays. In most mar-

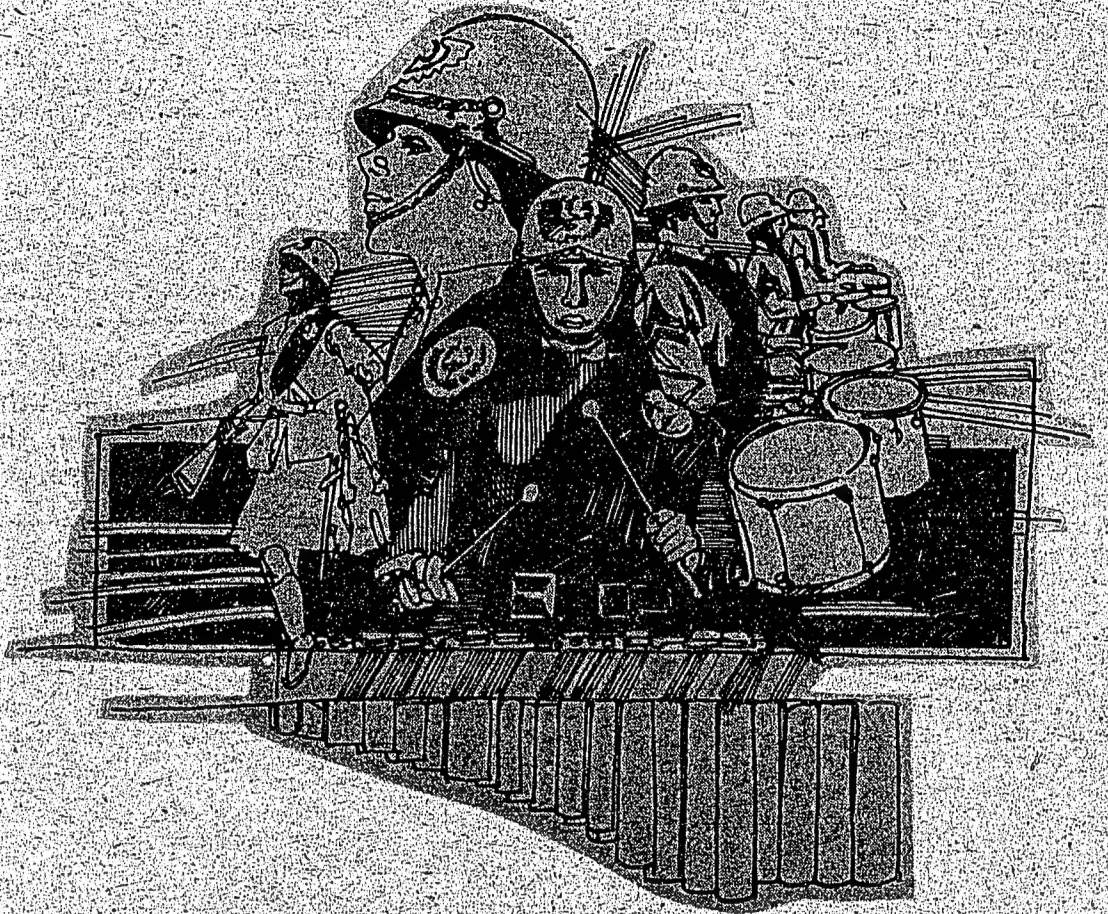
ching band contests, the groups begin with 100 points and then are downgraded for their mistakes.

The corps are made up of young people between the ages of 13 and 21.

Most of the contests are scheduled for weekends from June through September.

Tickets can be obtained in the Milo Bail Center, Room 250, or mailed out if requested. Reserved seats are \$6 and general admission tickets are \$3.

Juhl said sales have been good. She said people from as far away as Indiana have requested tickets for the event.



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# Paul, Smokey provide warm, charming albums

McCartney II isn't going to surprise anyone who is the least bit familiar with Paul McCartney's work. Like all of his post-Beatle albums, this recording has the usual simple yet memorable melodies.

How you take McCartney II depends largely on how you feel toward his work these past few years. If you take the typical McCartney tune as simplistic, childish pop, almost nothing here will change your mind.

Most critics who write about McCartney like to bring up John Lennon, the hailed artist of the Beatles. What they don't seem to remember is that half of Lennon's recordings are almost unlistenable. His albums made with Yoko Ono are hardly rock classics. And his last record, *Rock 'n' Roll*, was just a collection of oldies, about as progressive as a Sha Na Na album.

To be fair, McCartney II, like the 1970 solo LP *McCartney*, does have its charms. In this record

you can find numbers that vary from the bass-heavy, bluesy guitar piece "On The Way" that, oddly enough for McCartney, sounds like it was produced with some sweat, to the cheery, Beatle-like "Nobody Knows."

McCartney II seems a more intimate album than most of his efforts with Wings, and it is this quality that makes the music

instead of disarming.

McCartney II isn't a great album, but it is hard to dislike. McCartney's music is unique in rock in its soothing, innocent quality. In this album he seems to have totally stripped away the saccharin fat that marred much of his earlier work to craft attractive, childlike songs. I have no doubt that McCartney II is true to

Thoughts. Robinson's melodies are at least as strong as McCartney's, and his lyrics are far superior.

Even in a basic dance tune like "Heavy On Pride (Light On Love)" the singer seems to draw lyrically more from the work of great reggae artists such as the Mighty Diamonds and Bob Marley than American disco.

micky as anything Wonder has recorded, making it the only clunker of the album.

Robinson's ballads work especially well because of the album's tasteful sound mix. Even in such a fully orchestrated number as "What's In Your Life For Me" (written by Robinson with Donny Soul), the supple vocals are clear and intimate.

The songs as a whole flow smoothly, concluding with Rose Ella Jones' "Travelin' Thru." Robinson's maturity as a producer is obvious throughout; there is not one strident note in the eight tracks.

My favorite moment is the opening number "Let Me Be The Clock," the one number that sounds most like his great sixties hits with the Miracles ("My Girl Has Gone" for example).

Warm Thoughts sounds better with each listening, and is probably as close to a perfect pop album as we'll see this year.

—James Williamson

*McCartney II seems a more intimate album than most of his efforts with Wings, and it is this quality that makes the music work. He seems to have stripped away the saccharin fat that marred much of his earlier work to craft attractive, childlike songs.*

work. All of the instruments and most of the vocals were performed by McCartney. A song like "Waterfalls" or "One Of These Days" gains a great deal from the modest home studio set-up where it was made. With a larger band format or a slick studio mix these tunes would sound cutesy

the kind of music he wants to make and this makes the album a more admirable, honest effort than, say, the audience-pandering wimp rock of Billy Joel's *Glass Houses*.

This same sort of intimacy and charm pervades Smokey Robinson's new album *Warm*

It is because this song works so well that the upbeat lead-off song for side two, "Melody Man," sounds so shallow. Co-written by Robinson and Stevie Wonder, this composition doesn't really work on any level deeper than the simple "boy chases girl" idea. The song's arrangement is as gim-

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However, by closing time, I left the Firehouse Dinner Theater feeling as though I had actually enjoyed the show.

The play, "Bus Stop," had a wonderfully simple plot. It was so basic that, after the first act, you could guess what the outcome of the story would be.

The setting: A street-corner cafe in a small town about thirty miles west of Kansas City on the night of a beastly winter storm. It's early March of 1955. Lines are down and buses aren't running. Naturally, everyone goes to the corner cafe.

Sound effects of the wind blowing violently outside the cafe were realistic. The staging was spacious.

The cast, as a whole, was delightful, although a few of the characters were be-

ing laughed at instead of laughed with.

Sandra McClure-Mahood, who plays Grace, the owner of the cafe, is a classic in portraying a not-so-young waitress, with a nineteen-inch waist. Her forte is serving much more than soft drinks and sandwiches to her customers.

Elma, played by Stephanie Shipley, is a high school girl who works at the cafe part-time after school. She plays the role with the innocence befitting a high school junior, which she is.

The role of the uneducated, red-headed singer Cherie is played perfectly by Karen Bruhn.

She — and her seven-inch cleavage — run into the cafe trying to hide from a wife-hunting cowboy who knows nothing of mutual consent.

David Conrad, who plays the cowboy Bo, had a hard time establishing his

character. By the end of the play I still saw him as more of a sly-faced disco freak. I guess not everyone is a John Wayne.

My favorite character — Marty Skomal, who played the part of a philosophy professor — kept my attention by reciting Shakespearean sonnets throughout the night.

When the man spoke, no one understood, it seemed, save those who study the teachings of idealism. Marty was excellent.

The show depicted the gathering of eight strangers brought together by sheer chance. The discussion of each person's life constitutes the major portion of the play.

Humor popped up every now and then — often during the most serious segments — such as the time Bo tries to explain his love for Cherie.

"Cherie is my fee-onn-say. We was familiar with each other once. She just don't remember. Women don't know their minds. They never did." A real charmer.

By the time the weather clears and normal life is ready to continue, new relationships have taken shape for some and old habits motivate others.

Perhaps, because eating is not one of my favorite habits, I found dinner at the Firehouse was average.

How much more American can you get than eating roast beef and potatoes? I had the pleasure of being accompanied by a gourmet chef who simply said, "Serving a standard salad dressing is quite insulting to elegance."

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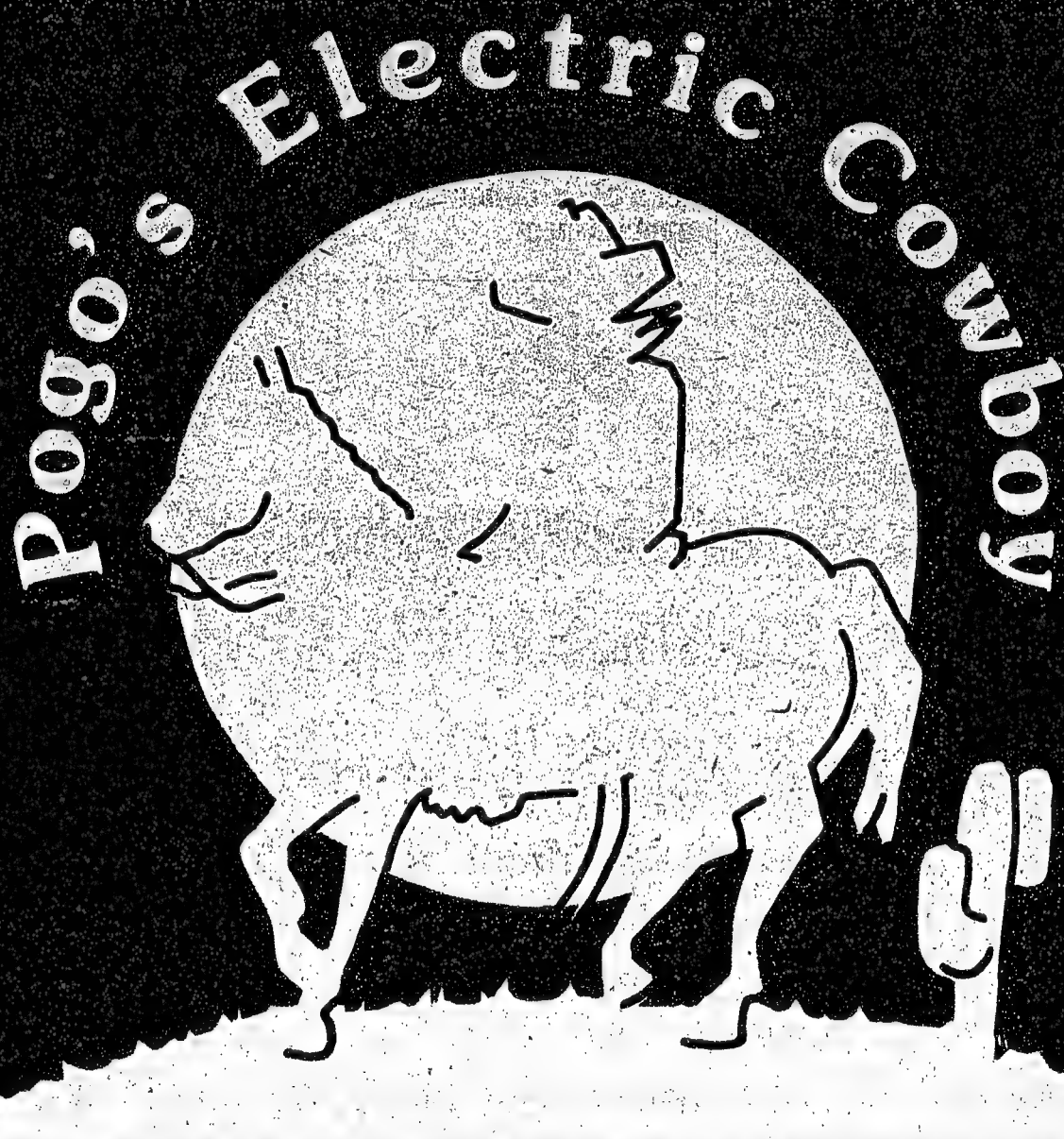
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# Electric cowboy craze nothing new to writing wrangler

By Mark Dirkschneider  
Gateway Associate Editor

It appears that disco is dead — or at least writhing in its death throes. I do not know this for a certainty. American sociologists are capable of monitoring everything from our sexual habits to the frequency with which we use seat belts with the scrupulousness of an atomic clock. However, the ruling passions of popular culture register themselves in less tangible ways. Consequently, Pogo's recent transformation from a disco shrine to a corral for concrete-bound cowboys, is as good an indication as any that the popular mood has changed again, and that the age of the Electric Cowboy is upon us.

While I did not mind the popular affliction of disco fever, I'm afraid the Electronic Cowboy craze will cause personal problems. This was made evident several days ago at the Westroads.

I was walking down the mall, innocently enough, when I passed two teenage girls. As we passed I overheard one of the girls say to her companion, "Who does he think he is — an Urban Cowboy?" She was referring to a cowboy hat which I was wearing at the time.

Now I like western clothes, and I have for some time. Most people either like western clothes, dislike them, or

are simply indifferent. In answer to a question asked several times by sweet young things in the movie "Urban Cowboy," no, I am not a real cowboy. I wear western clothes simply because, well, I like them. Somehow the idea of riding a mechanical bull to prove my cowboy integrity seems a little absurd. In any case, I am my father's only son, and there are some things as yet undone.

Therefore my credentials as an Electric Cowboy are somewhat deficient. Which is fine, except that if John Travolta does for western music what he did for disco, all of the young dudes in these parts will soon be packing in their three-piece suits and dancing shoes for real-cowboy cowboy clothes.

Friday nights in Omaha will soon be occasions for thousands of Omaha brones and bronzettes to mosey on down to the nearest dancing barn. The 280Z's and Danskin dresses which were the icons of the Disco Era will then be replaced by pickup trucks and rhinestones as symbols of the Age of Real Cowboy. In time disco will be as dead as Elton John, and to be cool will be to be cowboy.

The problem with this is that those of us who've worn western clothes quite benignly for years will be preempted by the faddists. It will soon be an involuntary im-

pulse to connect western clothes with Madison Avenue hype and the Travolta corral of unanchored identities.

How then will it ever be possible for me to wear my cowboy hat without at least a twinge of self-consciousness? Indeed, it is already too late.

Mr. Travolta, I have no quarrel with you. I don't begrudge you your wealth and fame. But please, next time pick on something else — all right — like professional rassling or stockcar racing.

## Prescription drugs...

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treatment

Along those lines, U.S. Congressman Ronald Dellums (D., Cal.) has sponsored a Health Services Act to fund publicly-owned, locally-controlled community health centers, where the emphasis would be on health maintenance and prevention.

At this point, however, solutions are far less in evidence than problems — and efforts to resist solutions. In a limited way, the Berkeley clinic, which deliberately teaches elderly people what questions to ask their doctors, offers a model for the future.

## DISCO DISCARDED, CACTUS CORRALED

BY DOUG SASSE  
Gateway Contributor

Gone are the disco outfits and the hard-driving disco music.

Gone are the flashing lights and the carpeting on the walls.

In their place are cowboy hats, cowboy boots, and a new Western decor. Instead of "Saturday Night Fever," Willie Nelson's "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys" can be heard over the sound system. Pogo's Nightclub at 1118 S. 72nd St. has undergone a change in format.

### Look old

"We were starting to look old. Five years without a change was just too long," says Pogo's manager, Stephen Korff. "Now we've got a different crowd coming in, and they're favorably impressed."

"Disco is taking a back seat now, and I think everyone's happier with the change from disco to Country and Western and rock," he said.

The corporations which own the club spent upwards of \$500,000 remodeling the interior and exterior, including a soon-to-be

completed backgammon room and an electric bull ride machine which has become popular with the clientele.

Soft seating, large sofas, and booth seating areas are enjoyed by others who are less active.

### Mostly Kids

What's the main difference between the way Pogo's was and the way it is now, apart from looks?

"Before the crowds were mostly kids," says Korff. "Now we've got more responsible people coming in. They have more fun, and that's a boost to the morale of our help."

In addition to the new decor, the club plans to bring in over 25 big-name concerts this year alone, including Boz Skaggs and the J. Geils Band.

"It's a big gamble, but I think it's worth it," smiles Korff.

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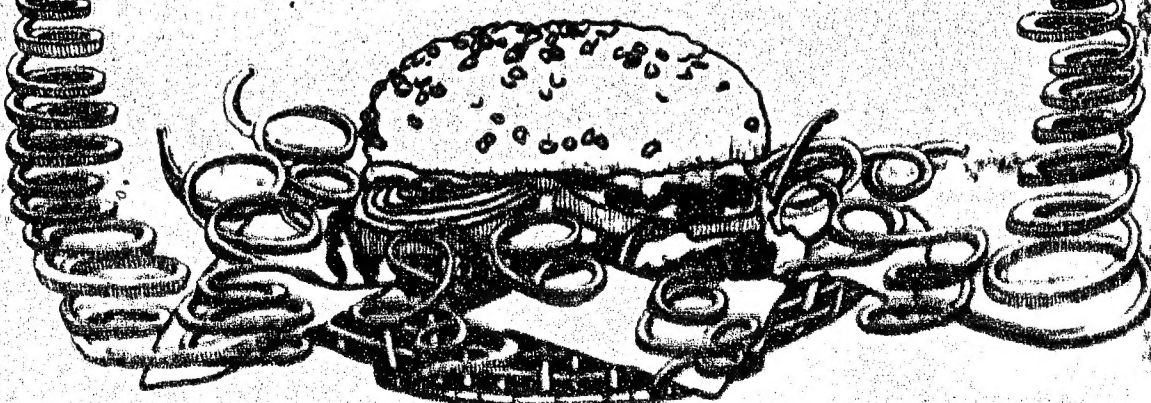
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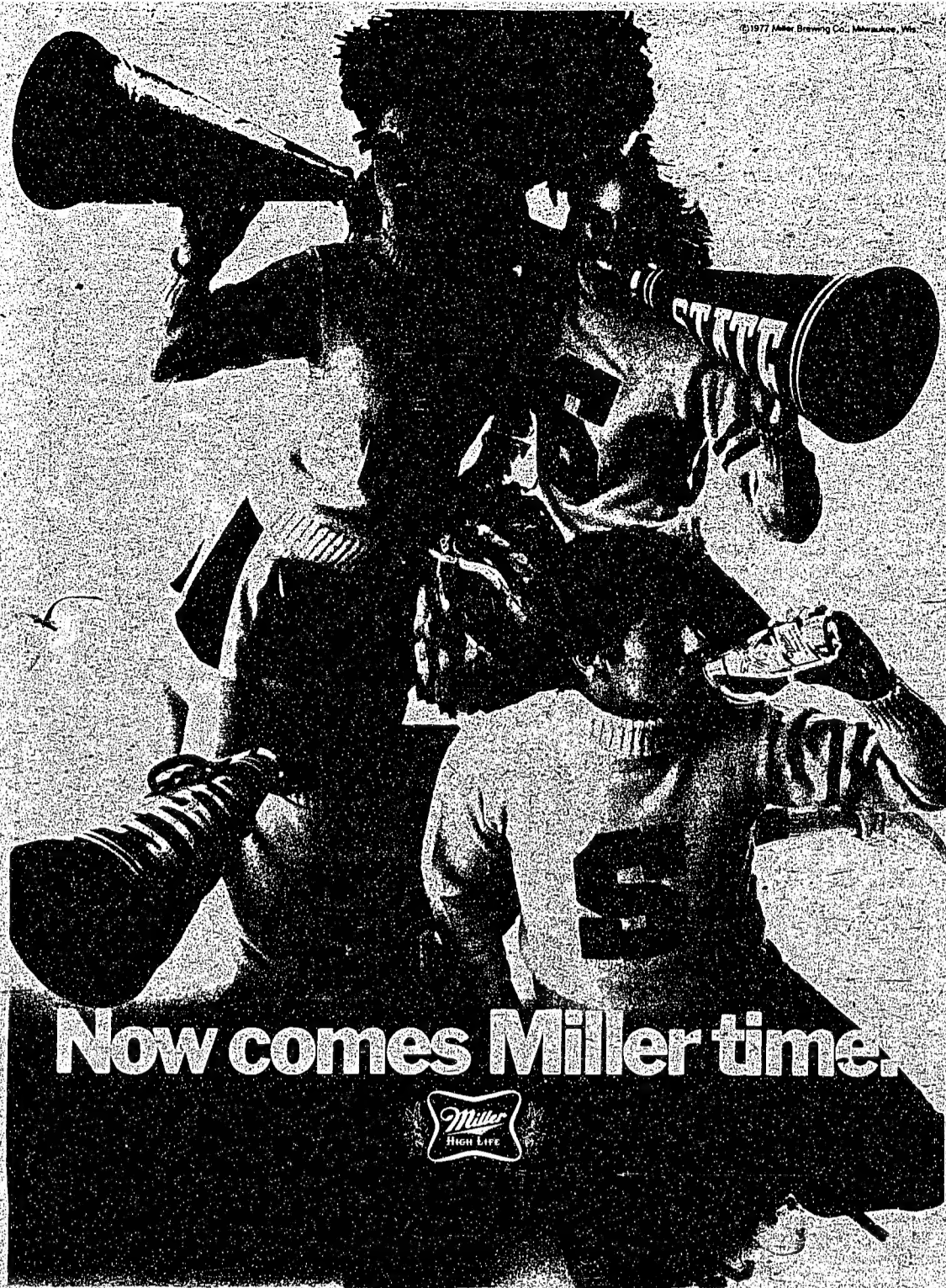
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## UNO football players to benefit from program

This summer Maverick football players are taking the advice of head coach Sandy Buda and getting in shape for the upcoming football season.

Currently many of the players are involved in an optional weightlifting program directed by the coaches which started June 1 and will continue through August 14.

"You need to have your student athletes report in peak condition as far as strength and cardiovascular conditioning are concerned when two-a-day practices start in August," said Buda.

"Just about every doctor in the country will tell you that you've got to do something over the sum-

mer time to improve those two areas."

However, Buda is not only concerned about players playing the season in poor shape. He also worries about them becoming "unalert" or tired athletes which would increase the risk of an injury.

Under the program players can lift in the weightroom under the stadium Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10 a.m. until noon, and from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Buda said the major emphasis for the players will be working on the upper body, legs and back. The players will also be doing some jogging.

## Summer clinics available for Omaha youngsters

There is still time to sign up for the summer sports clinics conducted by the UNO men's and women's coaching staffs.

Coordinated by assistant basketball coach Rich Triptow, the clinics will offer expert instruction in the following sports:

**UNO Volleyball School:** July 28-August 1 and August 4-8 in the UNO Fieldhouse, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Conducted by UNO head coach Janice Kruger for all girls entering grades 5-12 this fall. Fee: \$60.

**UNO Girls Basketball School:** July 7-11 at UNO, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Conducted by UNO head coach Cherri Mankenberg for all girls entering grades 5-12. Fee: \$60.

**UNO Soccer Clinics:** July 7-11, July 14-18, and July 21-25. Five sessions: three at UNO, one

in Bellevue, and one in Elkhorn. Conducted by UNO soccer coach Peter Kassay-Farkas for all boys and girls entering grades 1-12 this fall. Fee: \$30.

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## Ernie May

### Big Red overexposure bad for Omaha sports

I happened to pick up a copy of the *Sports Page* last week only to see that it had changed its format.

Unfortunately, this new magazine style format no longer features local sports coverage, it has gone to state wide coverage, meaning we have more Nebraska football plastered on more sports pages.

I have nothing against the Cornhuskers personally, it is just that I'm sick of hearing Nebraska football being billed as if it's the best thing to come along since indoor plumbing.

There is plenty of sporting events going on in Omaha, (including UNO sports), that Nebraska football need not be smeared across every section of every sports page in every local publication.

Since the coming of head football coach Sandy Buda, the entire football program at UNO has taken a turn for the better. Yet, UNO always seems to be depicted as a second-rate program not worthy to be mentioned in the same breath as Nebraska.

This goes for all UNO sports, especially women's athletics where coverage is practically non-existent in this town.

This "Nebraska football is the only sport" attitude is not only unhealthy for Maverick sports, it is unhealthy for all sports in the Omaha area.

In recent years Omaha has lost its pro hockey and basketball teams, as well as a semi-pro football team. And recent plans to put Omaha on the Grand Prix motor racing circuit fell through because of lack of backing.

Although the coverage has improved a little with the showing of Maverick Football, the over exposure given to Big Red football has gotten to the point that my idea of a perfect fall Saturday afternoon is: Notre Dame 52, Nebraska 0.

#### Mancuso makes good

Reports coming out of the Dallas Cowboys' rookie camp say former UNO quarterback Mike Mancuso has impressed the Cowboys' coaching staff.

Mancuso, a free agent, reportedly pleased the Cowboy brass so much, a week after the camp was over the coaches called him to invite him back down to work out with the rest of the team.

Great going Mike and good luck.

#### Benes leads the nation

Maverick pitcher Joe Benes, who emerged as the stopper of the UNO pitching staff this season, led the nation in strikeouts per nine innings according to the NCAA Division II final statistics released last week.

Benes, who struck out 73 batters in 142 2/3 innings, averaged 15.8 strikeouts. Highly touted Morningside southpaw Mike King finished second with a 14.8 strike out average.

Also listed among the Division II leaders was first baseman Dave Poulicek who ranked seventh in the nation in triples, hitting eight in 40 games.

#### Lady Mavs sign gems

Women's softball coach Mary Conway has signed up two outstanding players for next season.

Brenda Zimmerman, an Iowa All-State selection in 1979 from Harlan High School in Harlan, Iowa has signed a letter of intent to play for the Lady Mavs.

Along with her All-State honors, Zimmerman was named first team All-Conference in 1978 and 1979.

Zimmerman, however, is not just a good softball player. Besides winning four letters in softball, she has won three letters in track and two in basketball. She also holds two school track records.

Zimmerman is currently batting .444 for the Harlan team which holds a 154-20 record over the past four years.

"Brenda is an extremely strong left-handed batter who will add a lot of depth at the plate," said Conway, adding, the fact she is a lefty will "add diversity to our line-up."

The second player to sign this year is shortstop Karol Ulmer from Omaha.

Conway said most of Ulmer's experience has been in Omaha Industrial leagues. "She is now playing with the Omaha Softball Association leagues, is getting some coaching, and is developing rapidly."

Conway said Ulmer should make a very good shortstop because "she is a very powerful and quick young athlete who is a highly aggressive batter and baserunner with a lot of self confidence."

#### Sorry about that

In my column two weeks ago I stated that 45 Maverick football players finished the spring semester with grade point averages above 2.0.

UNO coach Sandy Buda rightfully pointed out that all 45 footballers finished the semester with grade point averages above 2.5 instead of the reported 2.0.

Sorry about that guys and keep up the good work.

# sports

## Noonan eyes pro career

By Robbie Robinson  
Gateway Sports Writer

Former UNO receiver Joe Noonan's quest for a spot on the Buffalo Bills' roster will begin on July 18, when the National Football League team opens training camp.

Noonan, or "Jumping Joe", a nickname that was given to him because of the way he went after passes, started his football career for Prairie Lane little league in Omaha. He went on to attend Omaha Ryan High School, where he started as wide receiver his senior year.

Although not recruited by the Mavs, Noonan was encouraged to walk on by UNO's offensive coordinator, Chuck Osberg, who had coached Noonan at Ryan.

After seeing limited action his freshman year, Noonan got his break during his sophomore year, when All-American wide receiver Danny Fulton (now playing for the Buffalo Bills) was sidelined with a sprained ankle.

"I had a pretty good game and played more as the season progressed," said Noonan. His performance during the rest of the season earned him a scholarship.

From then on he was the starting wide receiver, catching 69 passes for 1189 yards and eight touchdowns during his UNO



Joe Noonan

career.

On May 8, Noonan left for the Bills' mini-camp as a free agent. "Everything from meals to motel room was paid for by the Bills," said Noonan, adding "it was more of a learning camp than

anything else. We ran patterns, but we didn't wear pads and there was no hitting involved."

Noonan said he signed a contract with the Bills, but would not reveal how much money he received.

Noonan, who could have signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers or Dallas Cowboys, said he preferred the Bills because he felt he had a better chance to play.

"I have been training hard every day," said Noonan, "lifting weights and running patterns with (Danny) Fulton and Rod Kush." Kush, a former UNO star defensive back, is now in his second season with the Bills, while Fulton is in his third.

"I am glad I came to UNO," said Noonan, "I'll never regret the experience."

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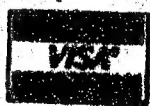
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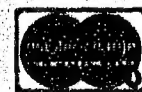
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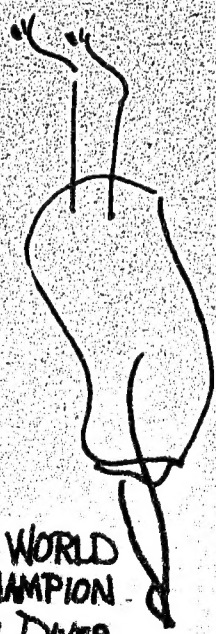


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